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Applicants: Yukoh HIEI et al. Art Unit: 1638
Serial No.: 09/229,324 Conf. No: 7108
Filed: January 13, 1999 Examiner: G.L. Helmer
For: METHOD FOR TRANSFORMING MONOCOTYLEDONS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 14, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 14, 2002, the period for response being extended until February 14, 2003 by petition hereinbelow, the following amendments and remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

01 FC:1202 36.00 OP
02 FC:1253 930.00 OP

Please cancel claims 1-16.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

17. (amended) A method for transforming a monocot plant, comprising the steps of:

placing a tissue of said monocot plant on a callus-deriving medium;

infesting said tissue with a bacterium belonging to the genus *Agrobacterium* to obtain an infected tissue;

culturing said infected tissue and said bacterium on a co-culturing medium;

selecting a tissue in which a foreign gene has been stably